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Best of all, they saw the real world from the ground up—the only vantage point from which it can be truly understood—economically, politically, and socially.

Here are just a few of the author’s conclusions:

- The new commodity bull market has started.
- The twenty-first century will belong to China.
- There is a dramatic shortage of women developing in Asia.
- Pakistan is on the verge of disintegrating.
- India, like many other large nations, will break into several countries.
- The Euro is doomed to fail.
- There are fortunes to be made in Angola.

- Nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) are a scam.
- Bolivia is a comer after decades of instability, thanks to gigantic amounts of natural gas.

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### Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Financier Rogers retired at 37 and motorcycled around the world, turning the trip into the book *Investment Biker*, a hybrid of business advice and travelogue. That journey, however, failed to squelch his wanderlust. Instead of enjoying his sedate life teaching finance, Rogers decided to take his fiancée and a souped-up Mercedes on a frighteningly intense road trip: three years, 116 countries and 152,000 miles. Like the car that plowed through snow, mud, sand and highways on every continent, Rogers's memoir of the journey is its own breed. Although Rogers writes, far too briefly, of life-changing events like getting married and hearing of his father's death, the book has an uncommon level of detachment. Also, even though Rogers shares investment advice and observations about the planet's political economies, his thoughts are too general to serve as business lessons. The result is an adventure tale without heart and a finance book without teeth. Rogers tries to make up for this by describing experiences like eating fried silkworms and watching prostitutes caught in the world's sex trade. Mainly, though, he chronicles prosaic details, like taking car ferries and talking to border guards, and then riffs on politics, money, immigration and culture.

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Rogers, a Wall Street success story who has been called "The Indiana Jones of Finance," once circled the planet on a motorcycle, which landed him in *The Guinness Book of World Records* and resulted in his first book, *Investment Biker* (1994). In 1999 he set out on another world-record drive around the world in a custom-built yellow Mercedes convertible with his fiancee, Paige Parker. Starting out in Iceland, the trip took three years and encompassed 116 countries, many of which are rarely visited, in a continuous swath across Europe, the former Soviet Republic, China, Africa, the Middle East, and the Americas. No one had ever driven overland following these routes, a total of 152,000 miles, another Guinness world record. Rogers' insightful commentary on the political and historical topography of these diverse countries cuts through stereotypes to give us a glimpse of the world the way it really is, for better or worse. This is a gutsy travelogue adventure from a guy who shoots straight from the hip, and it really hits the mark. *David Siegfried*

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"My success in the market has been predicated on viewing the world from a different perspective."—Jim Rogers, "the Indiana Jones of finance" (*Time* magazine)

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